

REMARKS**Status Of Claims**

Claims 1-13, 15-17, 23-32, 35-37, 39-42, 44-53, 56 and 57 have been previously canceled. Thus, claims 14, 18-22, 33-34, 38, 43, 54 and 55 are all of the claims currently pending and under consideration in this application.

Claim 14 is amended herein in accordance with the recommendation of the Examiner. No new matter is added by entry of this amendment.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 18-22, 33, 34, 38, 43, 54 and 55.

Allowable Subject Matter & Response To Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶2

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conclusion that claim 14 would be allowable if amended to overcome the current rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶2, as allegedly indefinite.

Applicants amend claim 14 herein in accordance with with the Examiner's recommendation as set forth in paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶2 and the allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that all claim rejections be withdrawn. Further, Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the allowance of this application.

If any issues remain which the Examiner feels would be best resolved through a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned below.

AUTHORIZATION

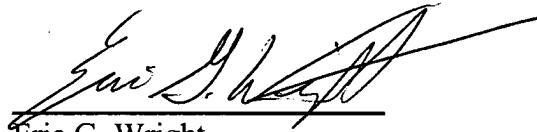
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1776-4067. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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